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Beach Combing.

Rev F. H. Poston preached at the Baptist church in St Andrew on Sunday.

Owing to the rain and wind the Tarpon did not give the advertised excursion on Friday evening, but promises to do so at a more favorable time.

A small party from St Andrew and Old Town came to Panama City on Monday evening, and enjoyed themselves in a pleasant little hop at the hotel.

Mr Grover Stevens who died near Chipley was buried in the cemetery at Millville, Monday forenoon, at 10:30, the Rev E. W. Roberts conducting the services.

H. M. Felix has painted M. B. Jenks launch this past week, and placed the name "Nautilus" on the bow. Like all of Felix's work it is a neat job, and makes the boat one of the prettiest on the bay.

A large number of our citizens took advantage of the schooner Blanche being here over Sunday, and had an excursion on the boat to Hurricane island. There was a fine breeze, cloudy and cool, and very enjoyable time was had. Many secured fine collections of shells at the island.

Mr Moore who has for some time been purser on the Tarpon leaves the boat at the completion of this trip, having accepted a position with the Consolidated Grocery Co., of Pensacola. His many friends wish him much success in his new field. It has not as yet been given out who will succeed Mr Moore on the boat.

The PILOT office this week received at the hands of Mrs Dobb of Cromanton a generous supply of Celestial figs, grown by Mr Geddes of that place. These figs are very large, of a greenish yellow color, and are not as liable to sour as other varieties grown here. They are sweeter than the dark skinned kinds, and in every way a decided acquisition to the list of figs grown in this region.

A representative of the PILOT visited the farm of Mr H. W. Williams, adjoining our city, on Wednesday, to look over his growing crops. There was a field of rice just heading out, showing most vigorous growth; sugar cane coming along in fine shape; and a field of corn that it would be hard to equal in the most fertile portion of the corn belt in Iowa. The variety is the common white dent, the stalks are from 8 to 12 feet in height, with from two to five big ears to each. The ears are well filled out, and the amount of fodder that will be plucked from the field is enormous. This field Mr Williams informs us had but little fertilizer applied, a spoonful to each hill, or about 100 pounds to the acre. With the usual application of fertilizer the yield would have been upwards of 100 bushels of corn to the acre. The field is on our common flat piney woods land, just such as there are thousands of acres in this vicinity, and it has been kept clear of grass and weeds, which with the small application of fertilizer as stated above, has produced such an abundant crop.

Personal.

Messrs Thomas Burke and Guy Gainer were agreeable callers at the PILOT office this morning.

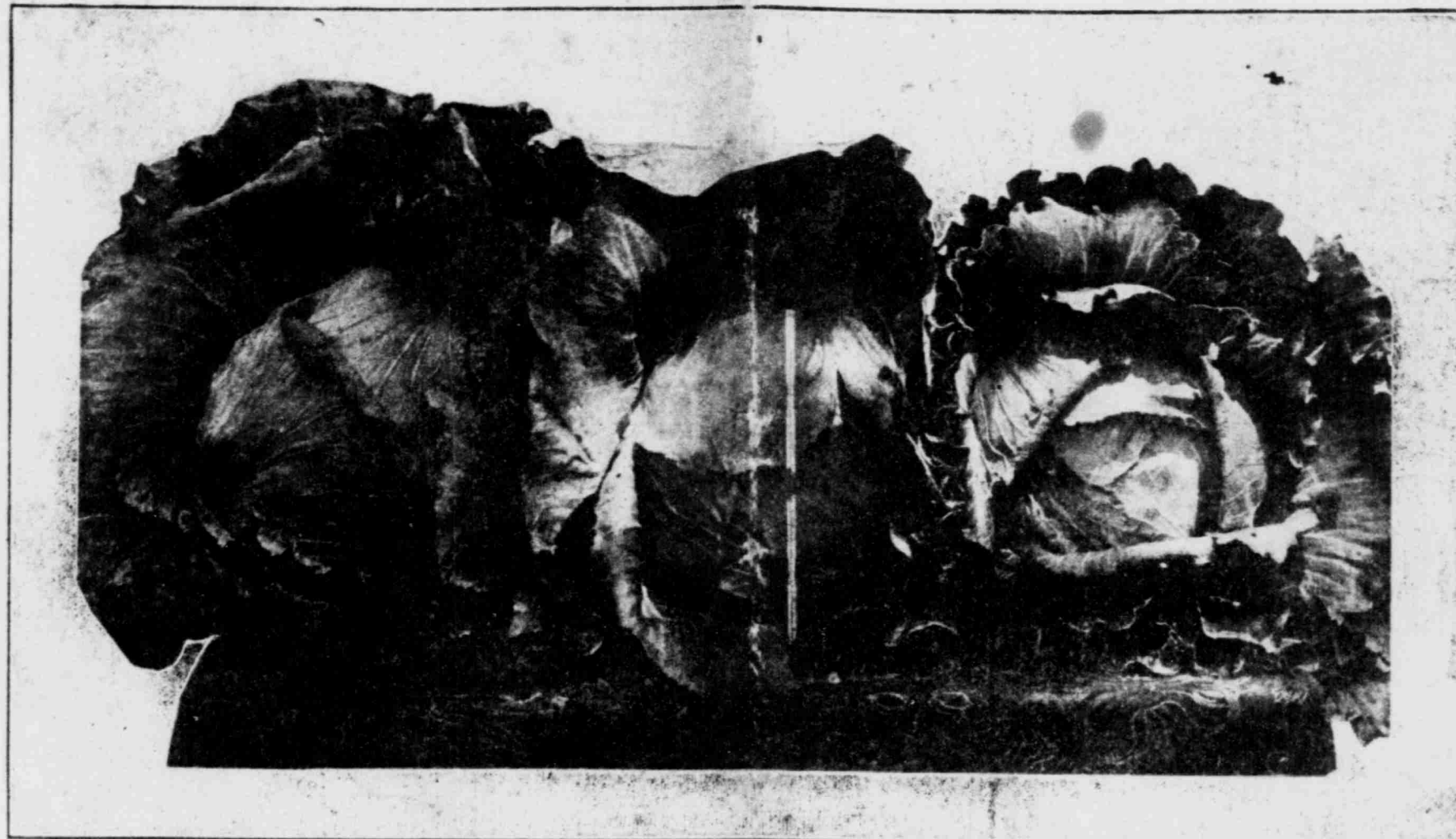
Mr O. C. Penuel, of Marianna, looked over Panama City on Friday making the PILOT office a pleasant call.

W. T. Wynne, J. A. Wells, Misses Martha Conely and Janey Smith, of St Andrew were callers at the PILOT office on Friday last.

Mr Ira Hutchinson, wife, brother and sisters, with Mr F. Bullock, of St Andrew, visited the PILOT office last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs R. McLellan, and two boys, arrived from Pensacola on yesterday's Tarpon to join her husband here. They have secured one of Mr Jenks new houses on Magnolia avenue, and will at once begin keeping house therein.

Washington County Cabbages.



In no section of the country can cabbages be grown so profitably and successfully as in various portions of Washington county. Further there is no crop that is so nearly an all season crop. For some years Mr G. M. West, General Manager of the Gulf Coast Development Company, has been raising many varieties of cabbage, and the picture above is of three heads of Henderson's Succession cabbage, grown by him, that weighed 25 pounds each. This variety of cabbage weighed from 15 to 30 pounds each, and in the whole field there was not a single poor head. They are however too large for general market purposes, and for that purpose the Charleston Wakefield, Winnigstadt, and early dwarf Savoy are grown. On a piece of land less than an eighth of an acre in extent a hundred dollars worth of cabbages were grown, occupying the ground only from January 1st, to May 1st. By successive plantings cabbage may be ready for the market here from December until September of the following year. For the early crop August planting is preferred by market gardeners in the lower south, but for the main crop October and November planting is preferred.

St Andrew.

Mrs G. M. West dined with Mrs M. B. Jenks on Wednesday.

Mr T. Daniel, of Marianna, was an arrival in Old Town this week.

Jabe Russ, from Marianna, is a St Andrew visitor this week.

Miss Martha Conely leaves for her home in Marianna via the Tarpon.

Attorney L. Kinney, of Vernon, was a visitor in our village on Thursday last.

Marmaduke Dixon, of Marianna, is visiting friends in Old Town this week.

Mrs Kelly, of St Andrews, is visiting her daughter, Mrs Maud Sarvice this week.—Advertiser, Carrabelle.

Deputy U. S. Marshal J. D. Crews made a trip to St Andrew this week on official business.—News, Westville.

John Milton and family, of Marianna, had to return home on Saturday last owing to the illness of one of their children.

Mr Smith, of Marianna, accompanied by his daughter Janie, and sons, Milton and Hentz, left yesterday after a short visit to the Bay.

George Rotzein of the Tarpon has returned from a months sojourn in Pensacola and other gulf ports, and will occupy his former position Friday.

The Misses Blackshear and Myrtle and Ruth Merritt who have been stopping with Mr Miltons family in Old Town left for their home in Marianna.

Little Frances Witherill had the misfortune to pull a pitcher of hot water over on to her arm on Wednesday morning, causing a painful and severe burn.

Thomas Burke leaves Friday for New York via Mobile. He intends to visit his home in Gotham, and then spend the remainder of the summer among the mountains of Vermont.

Tuesday morning Capt Frank Witherill with the Leonore took to Bay Head on their way home to Chipley, the following party: Mrs Bertha Daniel Blake, mother, and children; Mrs R. C. Williams and three children; and two lady friends.

Among the summer visitors expected this week are the following prominent Marianna citizens: A. A. Calhoun, Jr., and family, Miss N. E. Calhoun, and Mrs E. B. Kellam, of Elizabeth City, N. C. They will be domiciled in Old Town.

Some miscreants who ought to be serving time in the convict camps, boarded some of the launches lying on the water front on Sunday night

and crippled them through destroying parts of the machinery, or stealing the same. In Charlie Brackens launch their destructive propensities were displayed in cutting the canvass covering. The East Bay mail boat was delayed Monday morning over two hours through damage thus done to its machinery.

Chas Standifer, is visiting his friend here A. M. Chesley. Mr Standifer and Mrs Chandlee arrived Tuesday evening, and report having had a serious time crossing many of the streams between Chipley and Bay Head.

Mr Philip B. and Grace West entertained a small party of friends at their home in Old Town on Tuesday evening. Messrs Oscar and Raymond Sheppard, and Herbert Wynne, and the Misses Rita Blackshear, Ruth Merritt, and Maggie Alderman were present, enjoying a very pleasant evening.

NEGRO KILLED.

Three Badly Wounded.

In a shooting melee at Smith & Britts turpentine camp, eight miles west of Wewahitchka, on Saturday evening, one negro was killed, and three others badly shot up.

It is reported that a negro under the influence of liquor went to the house of another with his gun intending to kill the latter on sight. The negro was not at home so the drunken brute took a shot at the mans wife, wounding her in the leg. As soon as the news of this affair reached the husband he gathered together some of his friends and started out with guns after the would be murderer. Coming up with him, some 25 to 30 shots were exchanged, resulting in the killing of the negro which started the row, and badly wounding the husband by a shot through the body and another through the thigh, and the shooting of another of the party.

The coroner at Wewahitchka was notified and presumably held an inquest the first of this week.

M. E. Church, South, Organization.

As per announcement on Sunday last the M. E. Church, South, of Panama City, was organized. The following persons were the charter members of the organization: Mr J. B. Gainer, Mr W. M. Conely, Miss Juanita Conely, Mrs E. W. Roberts, the Misses Anna, Lois, and Veda Roberts, and Mr J. Hughes. Mr W. M. Conely was elected Church Secretary, and J. H. Hughes, Steward. Owing to the official organization papers failing to arrive no other business was transacted.

Cromanton.

Mr Howlett is doing a rushing business these days.

The Misses Percivals were in Cromanton last Saturday.

Wm Parker made a short call in Cromanton a few days ago.

Mr Howlett was a pleasant business caller at C. W. Forbes's Saturday.

Miss Hallie Hodge visited at Mrs E. P. Kinnie's one day last week.

Mrs Earnest Spicer entertained a number of friends at dinner Saturday.

Messrs Walter and Robert Parker were in our city Sunday, also Chas. Mashburn.

Messrs Fenters and Clark have put in a gill net and will probably fish this fall.

C. W. oFrbes has his launch back in the water again and running to make up for lost time.

George Kinnie has been making some fine catches of mullet with his cast net this past week.

Bert Boutel, of Parker, was a pleasant caller at the home of Mr and Mrs F. W. Hoskins last Thursday.

Prof Littletons party, camping at Charlie Forbes place, caught a king mackerel this week which measured forty inches in length.

Mr Fenter came home from Millville Wednesday night quite sick. He is feeling a little better now and has returned to his work again.

Mr Wineman preached here Sunday night. His sermon was full of good helpful thoughts. Text, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

Mr Bates, being in government employ was called back to his work at St Louis going on Fridays Tarpon. He seemed reluctant to exchange his comfortable home here for the heat and dust of St Louis. Before going away he put his boat Lavida in Spring Lake Bayou.

A pleasant little "at home" gathering was enjoyed by quite a company of Cromanton and Parker people at F. W. Hoskins Thursday night. Ice cream and cake was served and the evening passed very pleasantly with games and music. Prof G. H. Boutelle who is spending his vacation at his home in Parker helped very materially in the music with his deep base voice.

Wm Geddes has growing on his lot in Cromanton eleven trees of the Celestial figs. The trees are young, some quite small yet, but the most of them have borne as much fruit as young trees should in spite of the season being rather unfavorable. One fig measured 7½ inches in diameter. They are fine flavored and excellent for eating fresh when full ripe. Being so large and firm for figs they are especially nice for preserving and canning.

Marine.

The schooner Lucy H., entered port yesterday from St Andrew with a cargo of 368 barrels of naval stores, and is taking a cargo of merchandise at Baylen street wharf.—Pensacola Journal, 24th.

The schooner Blanche, Capt Hand, has been taking on a cargo of lumber at the dock here this week. It is from the Panama City Mill Co., and for export through Pensacola. Capt Bert Ware has been engaged in towing the same with the Hugh from the mill to the dock on barges.

"The schooner Ariel, owned by the St Andrew & Gulf Steamship Co., bears the distinction of being the first vessel to be hauled out on the new marine railway just completed for Frank M. Daniels & Co., at the foot of Herron's wharf.

The schooner which is a large one, was hauled out early yesterday morning, there being no delay or accident, and within a short time a force of men were at work repairing the hull of the vessel. This set of ways has a capacity for taking out vessels about the size of fishing vessels.

Another set of ways is being built just west of the ones completed, which will have a capacity of taking out vessels of about 400 net tons.—Pensacola Journal, 24th.

Parker Items.

P. F. Parker has his yawl boat Viola out on the ways this week.

George Kryder and wife left on the Tarpon Friday for their home in Ohio.

Every one in this neighborhood are busy planting sweet potatoes this wet weather.

Thos Spencer and sister, Miss Grace, left Tuesday last, for their home in Wewahitchka.

John E. Donaldson left on the Tarpon, last Wednesday for his home in Bainbridge, Ga.

Joe Fraddosia, of Farndale, has moved into W. H. Parker's cottage, across the bayou.

Capt C. J. Raffield, of the yawl boat Isabelle, is in harbor awaiting her turn at the ways.

Mr and Mrs Gay, J. V. Withers, of Millville, were business callers in Parker on Saturday.

Mrs Audley Spicer, of Cromanton, was over and visited with her sister, Mrs A. L. Pratt, one day last week.

A. J. Collom's mother died Sunday afternoon at Cook and was buried in the Parker cemetery Monday afternoon.

J. N. Wilson left Friday on a business trip home, but will return shortly and bring more friends back with him.

Dr Miles and wife, of Wewahitchka, are down spending several days. The Dr drove down to Panama City Sunday afternoon.

Capt Horace Hasselburg was up visiting his mother one day last week and carried back with him Frank Percival and Lon Davis for a trip to the snapper banks.

R. E. Palmer was so unfortunate as to get his toe badly mashed while at work on the big mill at Millville. Ray says if you don't think it hurts to get your toes mashed, just try it and see for yourself.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our thanks to our many friends at Parker, and about the Bay, for their kindly assistance, and heartfelt sympathy in our recent great bereavement.

Mrs S. E. Donaldson and family.

NOTICE.

The County Democratic Executive Committee will meet in Vernon, on the first Monday in September, 1907, at two o'clock, p. m. Let every committeeman attend, important business to be transacted.

I. A. HUTCHINSON, Chairman.

Chas Forbes.